ADVISORY OPINION 97-001

Any advisory opinion rendered by the registry under subsection (1) or (2) of this section may be relied upon only by the person or committee involved in the specific transaction or activity with respect to which the advisory opinion is required. KRS 121. 135(4).

February 24, 1997

Ms. Jan Rowland, President Kentucky Association of Cosmetology Schools c/o The Hair Design School 4160 Bardstown Road Louisville, Kentucky 40218

Dear Ms. Rowland:

This is in response to your request for an advisory opinion regarding whether Kentucky Association of Cosmetology Schools (KACS) may be classified as a contributing organization as defined by KRS 121.015(4). You state that KACS is a non-profit organization which represents Kentucky cosmetology schools and that it does not solicit or receive funds from outside its membership.

A contributing organization is "a group which merely contributes to candidates, campaign committees, or executive committees from time to time from funds derived solely from within the group itself." (KRS 121.015(4)) Therefore, if KACS contributes from "time to time" and does not raise funds from outside its membership, it could qualify as a contributing organization.

Sincerely,

Rosemary F. Center General Counsel

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